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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION PROPOSAL
NO 167: FEMALE STERILIZATION BY MINI-LAPAROTOMY, INSTITUTO
NACIONAL DE LA NUTRICION

REF: AIDTO AIRGRAM A-3

1. DUE TO CONTINUING SENSITIVITY AMONG MEXICANS REGARDING STERILIZATION IN GENERAL AND PARTICULARLY STERILIZATION PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY US (MEXICAN PRESS FREQUENTLY CARRIES STORIES ON STERILIZATION PROGRAMS IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS PUERTO RICO, COSTA RICA, AND MOST RECENTLY IN U.S. IN WHICH USG PARTICIPATION IS MADE TO APPEAR AGGRESSIVE AND LACKING IN CONCERN FOR RIGHTS OF WOMEN STERILIZED) EMBASSY RELUCTANT APPROVE ANY STERILIZATION PROJECT IN MEXICO WITHOUT FIRST TAKING ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ADVERSE PUBLICITY. BEFORE MAKING DECISION REGARDING CONCURRENCE FOR AVS STERILIZATION PROJECT WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NUTRITION, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WRITTEN EVIDENCE THAT PROJECT WAS REQUESTED BY MEXICANS, IF SUCH EVIDENCE EXISTS. EMBASSY ALSO REQUIRES WRITTEN EVIDENCE THAT PROJECT IS APPROVED BY GOM CABINET LEVEL, RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL.

2. EMBASSY ASKS AID OBTAIN FROM AVS COPY OF LETTER OR WRITTEN REQUEST FROM INN SOLICITING AVS FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT AND FORWARD COPY OF LETTER TO EMBPOPOFF ASAP.

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3. IN EVENT THAT DR GUAL, PROJECT DIRECTOR FROM INN, MAY NOT

HAVE CLEARED THIS PROJECT REQUEST WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND TO PROTECT GUAL SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE, EMBPOPOFF WILL CONTACT GUAL AND REQUEST THAT HE OBTAIN A LETTER SIGNED BY DR GINES NAVARRO, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, TO AMBASSADOR JOVA WITH WORDS TO THE EFFECT THAT GOM IS AWARE THAT THE INN HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE AVS TO HELP EXPAND THE INSTITUTE'S VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION SERVICE AND TRAINING CAPABILITY, AND THAT THE GOM, IN FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE AVS RECEIVES FUNDS FROM THE US GOVERNMENT TO HELP IN CARRYING OUT ITS WORK, APPROVES BOTH THE PROJECT PROPOSED BY THE INN AND THE USE OF AVS FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE PROJECT. EMBASSY ADVISES THAT EVEN IF GUAL IS IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN SUCH LETTER, IT MAY BE SOME TIME IN COMING AND AVS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO THAT EFFECT.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES AVS HAS SIMILAR PROJECT UNDERWAY IN MONTERREY THAT WAS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT EMBASSY CONCURRENCE. REQUEST AID SEND INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT AND ANY OTHERS AVS MAY HAVE IN MEXICO AT THIS TIME.
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